



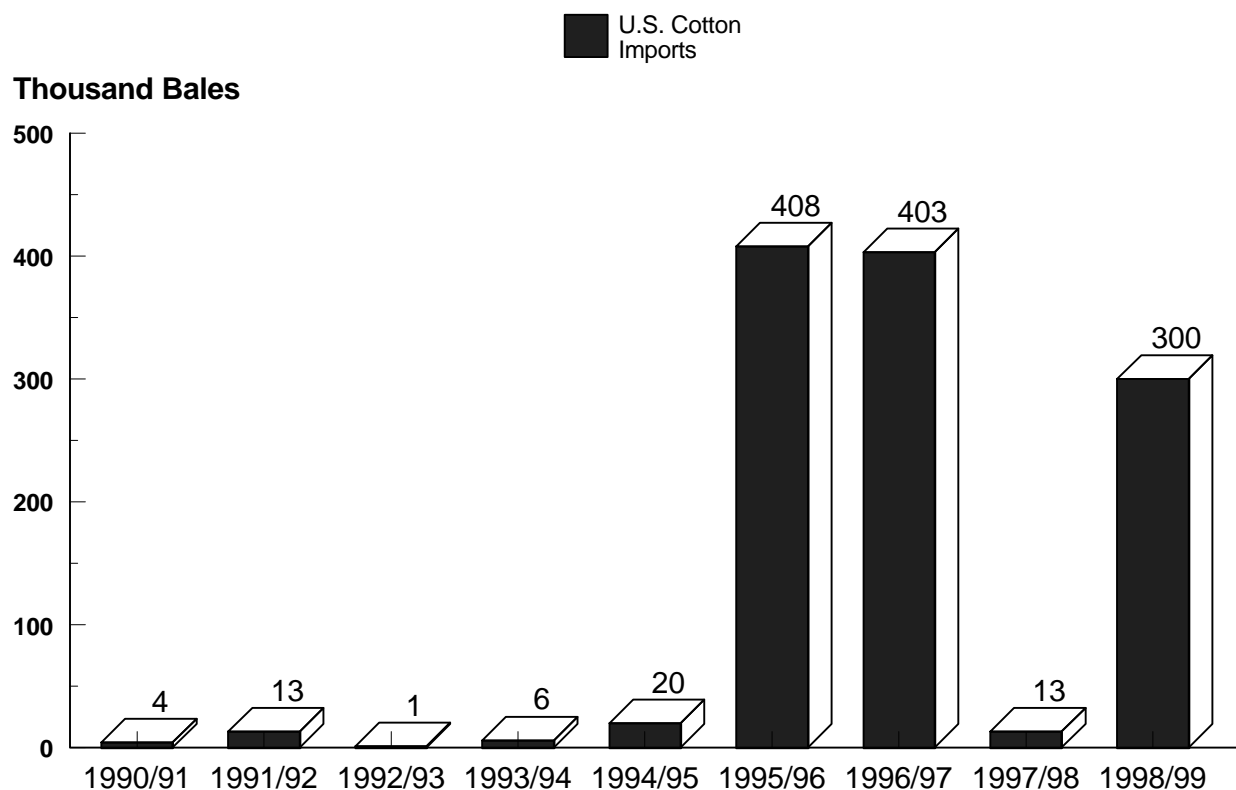
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Sizable U.S. Cotton Imports in 1998/99 the Result of Lower U.S. Supplies



U.S. cotton imports for MY 1998/99 are forecast to reach 300,000 bales. Although the United States is not usually a significant cotton importer, imports are expected to be higher than average this year due to lower U.S. production and tight supplies. Last season, the United States imported only 13,000 bales, most of which came from Argentina. Potential suppliers in 1998/99 include Uzbekistan, the African Franc Zone, Mexico and Australia. (See Table 7-B)